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## **Anthony Byrd appointed to City Court Clerk**

*Appointment to become effective once confirmed by City Council*

**Chattanooga, Tenn. (Tuesday, Feb. 1)** — Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly today appointed Anthony Byrd as City Court Clerk, who has decades of experience in a similar role prior to his term on City Council.

Byrd served for more than 20 years with distinction at the Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, ultimately resigning from his position in 2017 to become a Chattanooga city councilman. During his time as an elected lawmaker, Byrd chaired the City Council's Public Safety Committee as well as the Economic and Community Development Committee. He has advocated for public safety reform, and helped form the city's Police Advisory and Review Committee as part of those efforts.

"We're blessed to have someone of Councilman Byrd's caliber and experience who is willing to serve in this critical role for our community," said Kelly. "He brings not only decades of relevant experience to the position, but has also demonstrated that he cares for our residents and is willing to go the extra mile to ensure our residents get excellent service."

Byrd has been active in public service for many years, receiving a key to the city at age 13 from then-Chattanooga Mayor Gene Roberts for positive musical contributions to the community as part of singing group The Happy Clowns. Byrd used music to take a stand against drug addiction and other self-destructive behavior, and he went on to sign a record deal alongside recording artist Usher Raymond to travel the world and continue his mission to encourage positive behaviors.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue this urgent work on behalf of our community," Byrd said. "Serving the residents of District 8 has been the honor of my life, and I'm looking forward to the chance to serve all the residents of every district moving forward as the city implements Mayor Kelly's One Chattanooga strategy."

Byrd will resign his Council seat in order to take on this new assignment for the city, which will become effective once confirmed by City Council.

In order to avoid any perceived conflict of interest, Byrd will not attend any further City Council meetings as an elected official, and will not take part in any votes. The remaining members of City Council will determine how to proceed in filling the District 8 seat.

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# Chattanooga Council

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To the Constituents of District 8 and the City Council of Chattanooga,

With great gratitude and also no small degree of sadness, I hereby submit my resignation as District 8 Chattanooga City Councilman, effective upon City Council confirmation of my appointment by Mayor Kelly to the position of City Court Clerk.

In order to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest, I will refrain from casting any votes until my appointment is decided upon by the City Council.

These are exciting times in our city with many good changes and unprecedented growth. Since my initial election as councilman, I have worked to add my own contributions to the legacy of the great and diverse District 8.

I am particularly proud of our work advocating for good jobs, our success in building a Nippon Paint plant in the former Boone Hysinger location, the M+M industries operation on Holtzclaw, our votes to ensure raises for Chattanooga City employees, and our promotion of skilled trades education – currently in the building stage at the Mary Ann Garber site.

Our work to expand access to affordable housing at The Mai Bell, Patten Towers, Bayberry Apartments, and The Overlook, our passion to create revitalization without gentrification, and our efforts to decrease homelessness are critical to maintain positive growth not only in District 8, but throughout the whole city.

I'm proud of the impact we made through community cleanups as well as the ongoing distribution of food, clothing, and toys to those in need. And, of course, I am forever grateful for the reconstruction of the Avondale Community Center, where we are actively strengthening our community through outreach and programming.

There is so much that we as a community have accomplished together, and it gives me hope with certainty that our district, along with the other eight districts, stands on firm footing with a bright future. It has been an honor to serve in this role and I look forward to continued service of our residents and businesses through this new appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony Byrd", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anthony Byrd  
City Councilman  
District 8 Chattanooga